the Seizure Memo and to obtain the signatures of the witnesses present during the seizure. The SHO and other senior police officers make periodic verification of the property kept in the Malkhana.

(d) Section 100 Cr. PC provides that it is essential for the police officer to prepare a list at the time of seizure/recovery in the presence of two or more independent witnesses and such lists are also signed by these witnesses. Similar list is prepared in respect of items/cash deposited by any person with the police. Proper receipt is given as provided in the above section.

Criminal Cases Against VIPs

5098. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Home Secretary conducted any enquiry into the alleged criminal charges made against the former Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Taslimuddin);

(b) If so, the outcome of the enquiry made; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) The Union Home Secretary had sought from the State Government of Bihar details of criminal cases in which Shri Taslimuddin was allegedly involved. Investigation into criminal cases is the responsibility of the Police.

Constitutional Breakdown in Bihar

5099. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Patna High Court in a judgement delivered on August 7, 1996 stated that there has been a constitutional breakdown in Bihar and that Article 356 of the Constitution should be invoked to deal with the situation; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) and (b) In deciding a writ petition challenging the dissolution of a Municipality in Bihar, the Patna High Court has made, inter alia, the following observation:

> "In the instant case there has been willful flouting of the orders of the Court by the State Government threatening one of the basic pillars of our Constitutional democracy amounting to a breaking down of the Constitutional machinery in the State calling for immediate remedial measure."

There is no proposal to invoke the provisions of article 356 of the Constitution in the instant case.

[Translation]

Development of Surat Railway Station

5100. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programme has been chalked out for the development of Surat station of the Western Railway in view of the insufficient facilities available at this station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of amount provided for the development of Surat station;

(d) the time by which the development work of the said station would be commenced; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) Surat station has already been provided with amenities commensurate with the volume of traffic handled. To further augment the existing facilities, works of extension of foot-over-bridge and extension of cover over platforms have been taken up at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh and are targetted for completion by December, 1997. A work for the provision of a new booking office on the East Side has also been sanctioned in 1996-97, at a cost of Rs. 12 lakh and shall be taken up after completion of the requisite formalities.

[English]

Case Against a Canadian National

5101. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a criminal case against a Canadian National having Canadian Passport was registered by the Badarpur Police Station on May 30, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Delhi police has not been able to locate his whereabouts;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the SHO, Badarpur Police Station, New Delhi with the approval of his Asst. Commissioner of Police, requested the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) within three weeks from the date of